

Memorandum

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Subject: **ACTION**: Proposed Pooled Fund Study: Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council Training Management and Development

Date: August 27, 2002

From: *(Original signed by)*
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Reply to
Attn of: HRPD-01
HIAM-20

To: Division Administrators

The Office of Asset Management initiated a FHWA-led pooled fund study "Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council (TCCC) Training Management and Development" to facilitate management of the TCCC at the national level and for the development of curriculum and core training materials identified by the TCCC technical panel. The problem statement (copy attached) for the proposed study provides additional details and was furnished with our April 4 memorandum. This 5-year effort will include the following activities:

- Core curriculum materials will be identified under the direction of the TCCC and developed under an FHWA National Highway Institute contract to address national and regional needs.
- Promote uniformity in training content and qualifications requirements
- Advocate the dissemination of information among training and certifying regional and industrial organizations
- Encourage the development and improvement of AASHTO standards and maximize their usage in training development
- Share information on the growth and development of reciprocity among industry and State work forces

The new pooled fund study, TPF-5(046) has been approved for use of Federal-aid funds used for research and development studies without State matching. Participating States are authorized to proceed with the study using 100 percent State Planning and Research (SP&R) funding, Federal-aid training funds, or other state funds.

The 5-year study is estimated to cost approximately \$5,000,000. The FHWA will continue to contribute to the support of this study. We are also soliciting support from national industry associations and interest groups. Attached is our spreadsheet (attachment 2) showing States interest to date. While several states have indicated a willingness to participate, we have not received obligations for these commitments. To date we have \$265,000 in FY02 funds

committed, but only \$45,000 have been obligated through FMIS. We ask that you work closely with your State DOTs to encourage their support for this initiative by all interested program areas, construction, maintenance, materials, and the State Training Coordinators. States interested in participating should indicate their proposed level of support on the pooled Fund SP&R Study Commitment Form (attachment 3) at their earliest convenience. Funds should be obligated to this project entering the project number as TPF-5046 in FMIS; the three letters are part of the formal project number in the system. We cannot initiate any proposed work until sufficient funds have been obligated by the states and industry interests.

Questions concerning this proposed study should be directed to Mr. James Sorenson, Office of Asset Management (HIAM-20), at james.sorenson@fhwa.dot.gov or 202-366-1333. Completed forms may be faxed to him at 202-366-9981.

cc: State Research Advisory Committee Members
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